



# St Peter's Lutheran School

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### Devotional Thoughts

#### A contradiction?

by Maria Rudolph

**[God] will give to each person according to what they have done (Romans 2:6).**

[Read Romans 2:1-16](#)

How many times have you heard a Bible verse quoted out of its context? Can you think of any situation at all where a Scripture passage is used to argue a certain point, yet it doesn't sit right, and at closer inspection doesn't actually fit with the supposed interpretation? It might only seem like a little thing, but the consequences can be very damaging, such as when a passage of Scripture is used to become legalistic about who can participate in Christian ministry. There is a verse in the Romans passage today, which, if read on its own, can lead to a completely wrong understanding of God and rob us of the comfort of knowing our redemption in Jesus. 'God will give to each person according to what they have done' (Romans 2:6). In another place (Psalm 62:12 and Proverbs 24:12), the same phrase is posed as a question: 'Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?' Well, the answer is surely yes. But also surely not.

What we require to understand one verse of Scripture is the wider context of the gospel. In God's eyes, 'all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God' (Romans 3:23). That means each and every person can never lead a life so upright as to escape God's judgement for something, even if it is only in their secret thoughts. The harsh reality is that you, I and all people we know, Christian or not, have utterly missed the mark and would be punished most severely by God. But then Jesus stepped in. In his unfathomable grace, he took all the wrath and punishment of God upon himself and died on our behalf. Then Jesus handed us a whitewashed robe dripping with his blood and covered us with it. So, when God sees us, he sees the blood of Jesus upon us, and we are clean, forgiven, redeemed, accepted, adopted. Loved. Amazing. 'All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in his blood' (Romans 3:24,25).

Context matters. Reading any given Scripture passage in the wider context of the Bible is important. Picking a verse out of its context and using it to make a point when it does not fit with the broader story of the Bible is harmful. But when we read Scripture in its context of God's love, grace and acceptance, it becomes life-giving for and through us.

For you, what is an important Scripture passage to be read in its proper context?

***Loving God, help us to seek the bigger picture in your Scriptures. May your Holy Spirit constantly lead and guide us as we read and hear your word. In Jesus' name. Amen.***



# Awards



Thea Paech - Excellent concentration & trying hard with her maths work.

Nitika Krahe - Demonstrating positive relationships & including others.



# Notices

## Important Dates

All the below dates are to the best of our knowledge and may change at short notice depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

### November 2021

26th - Report Writing Day (Student Free)  
30th - Kinder Transition Day

### December 2021

1st - Year 7 Transition Day DMSC  
7th - State Wide Transition Day  
10th - Last Day Term 4 (normal finish time)  
15th - Staff finish

### January 2022

24th - Staff Return  
26th - Australia Day Public Holiday  
31st - All Students return to school

### February 2022

4th - P&F Welcome BBQ

## Student Free Day

Friday 26th November will also be a student free day. Teachers will be using the day to write end of year reports.

## No Hat No Play

Our No Hat No Play policy is back for Term 4 and Term 1. All students must have a broad brimmed hat to wear at recess and lunch. We have sunscreen for students to apply as well, however if you would like to provide your own, please send it with your child clearly labelled with your child's name.

## Mosquito Spray

We currently have mosquitoes taking shelter in the cool of the pine trees at school.

We have Aeroguard available for students to put on. We strongly encourage children to either bring their own repellent labelled with their name or make use of the repellent available at school.

## Uniforms

We are still accepting donations of good quality, clean 2nd hand uniforms.  
For new uniforms, please contact the office.

## Subscribe to the Newsletter

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How did it get  
so late so soon?

It's night before  
it's afternoon.

December is here  
before it's June.

My goodness how  
the time has flown.

How did it get  
so late so soon?

**-Dr. Seuss**



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## Dimboola XMAS

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December

5.30pm – 9pm

Behind the Dimboola Library

Welcome to all New Residents  
to meet the locals!

Shops in Town will be open

### Competitions:

- \* Best Dressed Boy
- \* Best Dressed Girl
- \* Best Dressed Adult
- \* Best Decorated Pram
- \* Best Decorated Bike
- \* Best Decorated Gopher



BBQ & Drinks  
available for  
purchase



Entertainment:  
Brett Schmidt

Judging of Competitions  
approx 7pm

Santa arriving 7.30pm



COVID Precautions will be in place  
EVERYONE MUST BE DOUBLE-VAXED  
ALL Attendees MUST QR Code in

# Around Our School



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